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1. The Headquarters Staff of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) Hanoi Front is commanded by Van Tien Dung, former Political Commissar for the 320 Division. This staff is directly subordinate to the DRV Army General Staff; it is only responsible to Staff of Intersector III in matters of supply and armaments.
2. The Hanoi Front Headquarters Staff is divided into three bureaus as follows:
 - a. Military Bureau. This bureau, commanded by Phung The Tai, directs the guerrillas and the military intelligence services (Quan Bao). These services are further divided into independent units referred to as battalions. Three units have been formed: the 401 Battalion, the 3 Battalion, and a third unnamed battalion.
 - b. Administrative Bureau. Commanded by Khat Day Tien, this bureau conducts investigations in the five zones into which the administration area has been divided. Investigations are concerned with: population, living conditions, means of livelihood, political tendencies and identification of potential traitors.
 - c. Cong An Bureau. Commanded by Le Thu Quat, the Cong An is divided into four sections: Maintenance of Order, Judiciary, Economic, and Political. The Political section is further divided into espionage, counter-espionage, assault and investigation sub-sections.

ACTIVITIES.

3. By virtue of General Staff Ordinance No. 257 N-VP, dated 1 September 1951 (which revised No. 216 N-VP, dated 10 August 1951), the program of activities for the Hanoi Front is as follows:
 - a. First month
(September 1951)

Inventory of guerrillas
previously recruited
Formation of one guerrilla
company in the first quarter
of the month.

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- b. Second and third months
(October - November 1951)

Training of guerrillas.
If the training cannot
be held in Hanoi, means
are to be found to escape
to the outside.

- c. Fourth month
(December 1951)

Preparation for sabotage.

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